Operation of Vayudoot Aircraft

3098. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Vayudoot Aircraft under operation at present and on which routes;

(b) the total loss incurred so far by Vayudoot, due to non-operation of flights, month-wise;

(c) the total strength of Vayudoot pilots and the number of those sitting idle at present; and

(d) what action is being taken to absorb them in various organisations under the Department of Civil Aviation as per its orders dated the 22nd November, 1993?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) One Avro (HS-748) and two Dorniers (Do-228) are at present operational. The names of the stations to which Vayudoot is operating is given in the statement (*See* below)

(b) Cost of operation is not met on any of the routes operated by Vayuddot; as such the company incurs less loss when it reduces its operations.

(c) There are 83 pilots in Vayudoot out of which 4 are trainees and 11 are in the Agro-Aviation wing. Due to reduction in operations the flying of pilots has decreased.

(d) Efforts are on to absorb the employees of Vayudoot in various organisations under the Department of Civil Aviation.

Statement

List of Stations to which Vayudoot is Operating

Eastern Region	Western Rgeion	Southern Region
Agartala	Belgaum	Agatti
Aizwal	Bombay	Cochin
Bagdogra	Diu	
Calcutta	Kandla	
Cooch Bihar	Keshod	
Shillong	Kohlapur	
	Porbandar	
	Pune	
	Rajkot	

Representation by civilian employees under Army Service Corps

3099. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from North Bengal Area General Transport Employees Welfare Association regarding the problems of civilian employees employed in Civil (G. T.) Units under the Army Service Corps;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to redress their grievances; and

(c) if no steps have been taken what are the reasons therefor?